DOCKET NO.: 2007-0117-WQ-E **TCEQ ID:** RN104549969

CASE NO.: 32407

RESPONDENT NAME: Erath County

ORDER TYPE:						
X 1660 AGREED ORDER	FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING				
FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	_SHUTDOWN ORDER	IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER				
AMENDED ORDER	_EMERGENCY ORDER					
CASE TYPE:						
AIR	MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE					
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION				
X WATER QUALITY	SEWAGE SLUDGE	UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL				
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	RADIOACTIVE WASTE	DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION				
SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Erath County Pit, County Road 203 west of United States Highway 220, Erath County TYPE OF OPERATION: Limestone mining SMALL BUSINESS:YesX_No OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location. INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter. COMMENTS RECEIVED: The Texas Register comment period expired on June 18, 2007. No comments were received. CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: None TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Tel Croston, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC 169, (512) 239-5717; Mr. David Van Soest, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0468 Respondent: The Honorable Tab Thompson, County Judge, Erath County, 100 West Washington Street, Stephenville, Texas 76401 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter						

RESPONDENT NAME: Erath County **DOCKET NO.:** 2007-0117-WQ-E

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART: CORRECTIVE ACTIONS VIOLATION INFORMATION PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED Type of Investigation: Total Assessed: \$2,100 **Ordering Provisions:** __ Complaint X Routine Total Deferred: \$420 The Order will require the Respondent to: ___ Enforcement Follow-up X Expedited Settlement ___ Records Review a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order: Financial Inability to Pay Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None i. Develop and implement a ; SEP Conditional Offset: \$0 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to comply with Date of Investigation Relating to this Total Paid to General Revenue: \$1,680 Case: December 5, 2006 the requirements of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination Site Compliance History Classification System General Permit No. Date of NOE Relating to this Case: High X Average Poor TXR050000; and December 18, 2006 (NOE) Person Compliance History Classification ii. Submit a completed industrial Background Facts: This was a routine __ High <u>X</u> Average __ Poor Notice of Intent. investigation. One violation was documented. Major Source: Yes X No b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written WATER Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002 certification and include defailed supporting documentation including Failed to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with an industrial photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering activity [30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § Mr. 317 Provision a. 281.25(a)(4) and 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c)].

Policy Revision 2 (Septe			uiation \	Norksheet (P	•	December 8, 2006
TCEQ DATES Assigned PCW	3-Jan-2007 26-Jan-2007	Screening 10-	Jan-2007	EPA Due		
RESPONDENT/FACILITY Respondent Reg. Ent. Ref. No. Facility/Site Region	Erath County RN104549969	orth		Major/Minor Source	Minor	
CASE INFORMATION Enf./Case ID No. Docket No. Media Program(s) Multi-Media Admin. Penalty \$ L	2007-0117-WQ- Water Quality		imum \$	No. of Violations Order Type Enf. Coordinator EC's Team	1660	
		Penalty (Calculatio	n Section		A STATE OF THE STA
TOTAL BASE PENAL	TY (Sum of v	iolation base	penalties)		Subtotal 1	\$2,000
ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) Subtotals 2-7 are obtain Compliance Histo Notes	ed by multiplying the	Total Base Penalty (nt received one I	5% En	hancement Subt e or similar violations to	otals 2, 3, & 7	\$100
Culpability	No		0 % En	hancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
Notes	The Re	espondent does r	not meet the cu	lpability criteria.		
Good Faith Effort Extraordinary Ordinary N/A Notes	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Set	tlement Offer	Reduction ood faith criteria.	Subtotal 5	\$0
Approx. (Total EB Amounts Cost of Compliance	\$261 \$2,000		nancement* he Total EB \$ Amount	Subtotal 6	\$0
SUM OF SUBTOTAL	S 1-7				Final Subtotal	\$2,100
OTHER FACTORS AS Reduces or enhances the Final S				g30 for -30%.)	Adjustment	\$(
Notes				Final Pe	enalty Amount	\$2,100
STATUTORY LIMIT A	DJUSTMENT				essed Penalty	\$2,100
DEFERRAL Reduces the Final Assessed Pen			umber only; e.g. 20	20% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$420
Notes		Deferral offered				

PAYABLE PENALTY

\$1,680

Screening Date 10-Jan-2007

Respondent Erath County

Case ID No. 32407

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN104549969
Media [Statute] Water Quality
Enf. Coordinator Ruben Soto

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002) PCW Revision December 8, 2006

PCW

Comp	pliance History	Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)			
	Component	Number of E	nter Number Here	Adjust.	i
	NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (number of NOVs meeting criteria)	1	5%	
	Other written NOVs	0	0%		
		Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (number of orders meeting criteria)	0	0%	
	Orders	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%	
	Judgments	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)	. 0	0%	t. T
	and Consent Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%	
	Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%	
	Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%	
Audits	Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which notices were submitted)	Ö	0%	
		Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (number of audits for which violations were disclosed)	0.7	0%	
		Pleas	e Enter Yes or No	of fortished	1
A		Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%	
	Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%	
	Other	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%	ĺ
		Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%	
		Adjustment Pe	ercentage (Sı	ıbtotal 2)	5%
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Com		Person Classification (Subtotal 7)			
	Average Po		ercentage (Sเ	ıbtotal 7)	0%
Com	piiance History	Summary			
	Compliance History Notes	The Respondent received one NOV with same or similar violations to those cited in this	s action,	 •	
		Total Adjustment Percentage			

Screening Date		Docket I	No. 2007-0117-WQ-E	PCW
Respondent				Palicy Revision 2 (September 2002)
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Media [Statute]				
Enf. Coordinator Violation Number				
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 2	281.25(a)(4) and 40 Cod	e of Federal Regulations § 122.	26(c).
Violation Description	Failed to obtain authori activity, as documente	zation to discharge stom ed during an investigation	n water associated with an indu n conducted on December 5, 20	strial 006.
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Notes	100% 011	he rule requirement was	notinet.	
			Adjustment	\$9,000
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Violation Events				
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Two month		f screening (January 10,		· · · · · ·
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Economic Benefit (EB) for the	nis violation		Statutory Limit Test	
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Estimate	ed EB Amount	\$261	Violation Final Penal	ty Total \$2,100
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Delayed Costs				 			
Equipment				0,0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings Other (as needed)				0,0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Engineering/construction				0.0	\$O	\$0	\$0 \$0
Land				0,0	\$0	n/a	\$0.57
Record Keeping System				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs	40.000	24 1 2005	-04.4	0.0	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$2,000	21-Jan-2005	31-Aug-2007	2.6	\$261	n/a	\$261
	The estimated	l cost of preparing a	nd implementing	a storm wa	ter pollution pr	evention plan. Date	required is the
Notes for DELAYED costs						ed date of compliance	
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Avoided Costs	ANN	UALIZE [1] avoide	d costs before e	ntering ite		one-time avoided c	
Disposal				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0,0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0,0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 .
Supplies/equipment Financial Assurance [2]				0.0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Notes for AVOIDED costs							
			4				
Approx. Cost of Compliance		\$2,000			TOTAL		\$261

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator:

CN600486880

Erath County

Classification: AVERAGE

Rating: 3.50

Regulated Entity:

RN104549969

ERATH COUNTY PIT

Classification: AVERAGE

Site Rating: 5.00

ID Number(s):

Location:

ON COUNTY ROAD 203 WEST OF

UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 220, ERATH COUNTY

Rating Date: 9/1/2006

Repeat Violator: NO

TCEQ Region:

REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX

Date Compliance History Prepared:

January 23, 2007

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:

Enforcement

Compliance Period:

January 23, 2002 to January 23, 2007

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Ruben Soto

Phone: 512 239-4571

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership of the site during the compliance period?

Yes No

3. If Yes, who is the current owner?

N/A N/A

4. if Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)?5. When did the change(s) in ownership occur?

N/A

Classification: Major

Components (Multimedia) for the Site:

A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events.

N/A

- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)
 - 1 12/18/2006

(534301)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date:

03/05/2005

(373159)

Self Report?

NO

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Citation:

30 TAC Chapter 281, SubChapter A 281.25(a)(4)

Description:

Failure to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with an industrial activity.

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ERATH COUNTY	§	
RN104549969	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2007-0117-WQ-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its ______ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Erath County under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and Erath County appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

- 1. Erath County owns and operates a limestone mining pit located at County Road 203 west of United States Highway 220, Erath County, Texas (the "Facility").
- 2. Erath County has committed any other act or engaged in any other activity which in itself or in conjunction with any other discharge or activity causes, continues to cause, or will cause pollution of any water in the state under Tex. Water Code ch. 26.
- 3. The Commission and Erath County agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that Erath County is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
- 4. Erath County received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about December 23, 2006.
- 5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by Erath County of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). Erath County has paid One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$1,680) of the administrative

penalty and Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$420) is deferred contingent upon Erath County's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If Erath County fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require Erath County to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

- 7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and Erath County have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
- 9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that Erath County has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
- 10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
- 11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, Erath County is alleged to have failed to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with an industrial activity, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 281.25(a)(4) and 40 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS § 122.26(c), as documented during an investigation conducted on December 5, 2006.

III. DENIALS

Erath County generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that Erath County pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and Erath County's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations, which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Erath County, Docket No. 2007-0117-WQ-E" to:

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Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. It is further ordered that Erath County shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:
 - i. Develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWP3") to comply with the requirements of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") General Permit No. TXR050000; and
 - ii. Submit a completed industrial Notice of Intent ("NOI") to:

Storm Water and Pretreatment Team, MC 228 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

b. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section, Manager
Dallas Fort/Worth Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
2309 Gravel Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76118-6951

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- 3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon Erath County. Erath County is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
- 4. If Erath County fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, Erath County's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. Erath County shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. Erath County shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after Erath County becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by Erath County shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until Erath County receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
- 6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against Erath County in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 7. This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreement may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes.
- 8. Under 30 Tex. ADMIN. Code § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to Erath County, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to Erath County, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission	
Jalu Sillie	8/2/07
For the Executive Director	Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity, if any, indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that my failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or my failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on my compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted by me;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions against me;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions against me; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature

Signature

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Date

Tab Thompson

Name (Printed or typed)

Authorized Representative of Erath County

Erath County

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

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